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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 23, 2007**. Weather conditions were favorable for much of the State to continue harvesting corn and soybeans. Scattered showers, for the most part, were few and far between and did not hinder field activities. Operators are beginning to harvest cotton. Some producers who are planting grazing crops are hoping for additional moisture. Soil moisture was rated 26 percent very short, 22 percent short, 49 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 09/23/07

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	96	92	99	94
Cotton, open bolls	95	90	97	91
Cotton, harvested	35	5	41	22
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	95	93	94	95
Peanuts, harvested	24	17	14	--
Rice, mature	100	99	97	96
Rice, harvested	88	70	81	70
Sorghum, mature	100	99	100	100
Sorghum, harvested	96	93	100	97
Soybeans, turning color	98	95	99	96
Soybeans, dropping leaves	91	84	96	89
Soybeans, harvested	59	46	86	70
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	45	35	39	36

Crop condition for week ending 09/23/07

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	2	5	25	53	15
Livestock	3	12	31	44	10
Pasture	10	19	32	31	8
Peanuts	0	1	37	50	12
Rice	0	0	10	52	38
Sorghum	0	4	12	67	17
Soybeans	2	6	15	43	34
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	16	61	22

Comments

“We will begin picking cotton this week. It looks better than I previously thought with the leaves off. I do not know how much yield we have lost with no top crop.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Corn and rice harvests are almost complete. Excellent yields are reported. Soybean harvesting is about 50% complete with good to excellent yields being reported. The cotton harvest has gotten a good start with yields being better than expected.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“The harvest is going well and cotton is being ginned. Yields are good overall.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“A few light showers were received as a result of the tropical depression but nothing significant to help crops or slow harvest. Producers are busy planting fall grazing crops and are hoping for more moisture the first of next week. Cooler night time temperatures are slowing crop maturity and crop harvest activities.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Rain from the tropical storm has stopped peanut and cotton harvesting for the week. The moisture was needed for the pastures and for planting winter forages.”

— Mike Steede, George

“Corn, soybeans, and hay continue to be harvested. Fields continued to be plowed for planting rye grass. Cattle are in excellent condition. The pecan crop is excellent this year. The crop is as heavy as I have ever seen it.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

“Growers had a good week to harvest. We just need the sunshine to continue.”

— Don Respess, Coahoma

“The cotton harvest is off to a good start and the rice harvest is progressing rapidly. The soybean harvest is winding down.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“We had good weather to harvest corn and soybeans. Cotton is being defoliated in some fields.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Northeast Mississippi continues to suffer from a lack of rainfall. Pastures are not growing, plans for fall grass planting are on hold and the fescue has not come out of dormancy due to the lack of moisture. Producers are discouraged with the weather patterns that are causing high production costs and slimmer profits.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Harvesting of corn and Group IV soybeans is progressing. Cotton harvest aids are being applied.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Moisture was short-lived. Cotton defoliation is complete. Producers are looking for sources of hay.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Scattered showers have interfered with corn and soybean harvesting. Showers have slowed preparations for cotton harvesting; however, those who need rain for establishment of cool season grazing crops still do not have adequate moisture for that purpose.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“The corn harvest is complete. Late soybean yields are dropping off compared to early beans. Cotton harvesting will begin early this week. Sugarcane beetle damage to the sweet potato crop is finally starting to decline. It caught us off-guard and hit hard.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Much needed showers were received over most of the county this past weekend. More rain is needed before the last hay cutting for warm season forages and to prepare to plant cool season crops.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“The tropical depression brought in a good rain for most of the county, which will really help with winter forage plantings that are about to begin.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“Predictions of rainfall will be a plus for pastures and fall vegetable production. Rainfall at this time will affect the cotton crop.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 09/23/07													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	89	55	74	73	1	0.02	-0.64	1	2.22				
Lambert	93	58	76			0.00	-0.76	0	1.44				
Tunica	90	60	76	72	4	0.00	-0.63	0	1.45				
Extreme/Average	93	55	75	73	2	0.01	-0.68	0	1.70				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	86	56	73	72	1	0.03	-0.79	1	3.24				
Hickory Flat	88	50	70	71	-1	0.00	-0.91	0	1.75				
Independence	89	51	71	71		0.00	-0.82	0	1.86				
Oxford	89	57	74	71	3	0.00	-0.86	0	1.82				
Extreme/Average	89	50	72	71	1	0.01	-0.85	0	2.17				
Northeast													
Iuka	86	47	67	69	-2	0.00	-0.98	0	3.97				
Ripley	87	52	70	70		0.00	-0.91	0	1.64				
Tupelo	87	56	73			0.08	0.00	1	4.05				
Verona	90	54	73	73		0.00	-0.96	0	4.29				
Extreme/Average	90	47	71	71		0.02	-0.95	0	3.49				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	89	59	74	75	-1	0.05	-0.79	1	4.97				
Rolling Fork	90	58	74	74		0.06	-0.66	1	3.78				
Stoneville	90	60	76	74	2	0.00	-0.80	0	6.51				
Yazoo City	89	53	73	75	-2	0.52	-0.16	1	5.80				
Extreme/Average	90	53	74	75	-1	0.16	-0.60	1	5.27				
Central													
Canton	88	53	72	74	-2	0.11	-0.59	1	3.15				
Carhage	86	52	70	74	-4	0.00	-0.82	0	1.91				
Eupora	86	51	71	72	-1	0.25	-0.66	1	6.48				
Lexington	88	51	72	73	-1	0.00	-0.70	0	6.00				
Extreme/Average	88	51	71	73	-2	0.09	-0.69	1	4.39				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	87	55	73	72	1	0.00	-0.91	0	4.60				
Philadelphia	89	60	76	74	2	0.10	-0.67	1	0.89				
State University	87	52	71	73	-2	0.00	-0.84	0	3.65				
Extreme/Average	87	52	73	73		0.03	-0.81	0	3.05				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	59	75	75		0.05	-1.00	1	3.25				
Natchez	88	56	73	75	-2	0.06	-0.78	1	4.05				
Oakley	87	54	73	74	-1	0.00	-0.70	0	4.27				
Vicksburg	88	55	73			0.18	0.00	1	5.35				
Extreme/Average	89	54	74	75	-1	0.07	-0.83	1	4.23				
South-Central													
Collins	88	58	73	74	-1	0.40	-0.58	2	5.10				
Columbia	91	58	74	75	-1	0.20	-0.76	1	3.76				
Tylertown	88	61	76	76		0.19	-0.72	1	2.81				
Extreme/Average	91	58	74	75	-1	0.26	-0.69	1	3.89				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	91	63	76	76		0.15	-0.83	1	6.98				
Laurel	94	55	76	75	1	0.10	-0.91	2	5.67				
Newton	90	45	71	73	-2	0.97	0.13	2	3.00				
Extreme/Average	94	45	75	75		0.31	-0.54	1	3.91				
Coastal													
Gulfport	89	63	77	78	-1	2.50	1.06	1	6.55				
Extreme/Average						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
State	94	45	73	73		0.11	-0.74	0	3.57				

DFN = Departure from Normal.